Pesticide Applicators Reminded To Certify

Latest figures indicate that some thirty per cent of private and commercial pesticide applicators have been certified under the State's plan for certification of users of restricted use pesticides.

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Harry Rust, Virginia Department of Agriculture and Commerce Pesticide Supervisor, said today that the certification is just about on schedule. He reminds all commercial and private pesticide users to contact their local extension agents where training programs are available.

Rust said that training sessions of one day have been arranged for private applicators and two days for commercial applicators. For those who want to study at home certain regional and local VDAC faciliites are available. He pointed out that for private applicators both written and oral examinations are available.

All users of restricted use pesticides must be certified by October 21, 1977. Rust noted that this will likely be the last year the extension office training programs will be available.

Virginia State Plan for Certificaiton of Commercial and Private Applicators of Restricted Use Pesticides was one of the first in the country to receive approval of the United States Environmental Protection Agency. It is this agency that will later define those pesticides that will be classified for restricted use. After October 21, 1977, the pesticides on that list will not be available for over the counter sales and can only be purchased by certified users.

The two types of applicators provided for under the law are private, those who apply pesticides on their own property in the production of agricultural commodities and commercial, those who apply pesticides on the property of others and charge for their services.

Further information about the program, who must be certified, instruction classes, examinations, and home study needs, is available at local extension service offices across the State.

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Henderson To Teach Death & Dying Course at CVCC

The Office of Continuing Adult Education and Community Services at CVCC will offer a course in Death and Dying in the Winter Quarter to begin January 5, 1977. The course will be taught by Stephen Henderson.

Mr. Henderson has a M.S. degree in Counseling Psychology from Iowa State University. For seven years he was the Associate Director of Career and Personal Counseling Center in Staunton, Va. He is presently a Counselor in private practice.

Perhaps more important than his general counseling background are his particular experiences in the field of death and dying. Mr. Henderson faced a terminal condition himself. Eleven year's ago he had a complete renal failure. This was before kidney transplants were known about. Later he had a successful kidney transplant which he has now had for ten years. Mr. Henderson has also done counseling with the terminally ill and has led a number of workshops in Death and Dying for volunteers and professionals. He has held workshops for ministers, social workers, nurses, and other groups. Among the places workshops have been held are Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, several hospitals, and a number of churches.

Mr. Henderson has studied with Dr. Elizabeth Kubler-Ross who is the most outstanding expert on Death and Dying in the world. He is also author of the recently published book, "Facing Life Through Death."

Anyone interested in taking this course should contact the Office of Continuing Adult Education and Community Services at Central Virginia Community College.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Father Darkleaf

by
Calvin Robinson

By the dawn's early light Monday morning after a great Christmas week-end. We did not get a White Christmas, but there were traces of a snow flurry. It would appear that The Weather Forecaster is in a rut, abeit not a bad one..fair and cold. Seasonable. Moments ago I looked out and there was a convention of blackbirds holding convocation on Martha Street. Must have been two hundred. They missed my small bird feeder and flew off in the general direction of Evergreen. My porch thermometer read nineteen and is up to a brisk twenty-eight as I write this last column of 1976.

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Christmas. I knew it was to be thataway, by the loaded shopping carts at local stores, and the general atmosphere of winding up our Bicentennial Year with a fanfare. I was invited out for Christmas and forgot about diet. Betch you did, too. Mostly it was a Yuletide of family gatherings, exchange of gifts and memorable church programs. Plus a dash of football on TV. I was proud of the Christmas edition of **The Times-Virginian** and, yes, I read every one of the Greeting Ads.

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And now, with '77 coming up, it is time for New Year Resolutions. Someone told me that the only resolution was not to make any resolutions. Horsefeathers. Of course you should make New Year Resolution. We will tell departing '76 "You ain't seen nothing yet." Appomattox will grow, we will be proud of job opportunities, we will do better by our churches, our schools, our clubs, our neighbors, our families, our volunteer public servants such as Rescue Squads and Fireman. There is everything right about making up a list of New Year Resolutions. One of mine will be to try to have a garden. If it is all flowers I'd like that, too. Bring on the seed catalogs!

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The papers will be telling us about Clearance Sales, After Inventory sales, etc. Heavens to Betsy, I should have one! Maybe even clean off my desk, and get shed of odds and ends in the basement. So many things to do and the hour glass of Time keeps dropping grains of sand, relentlessly and having writ moves on. Your health, your budget, all subjects for New Year Resolutions.

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Note: Appomattox's Bill Jamerson was an official in the recent Tangerine Bowl football game.

Sad note: The Virginia highway death toll has reached and passed the 1,000 mark for 1976. Even though it was a few less than the previous year, it is 1,000 to many. Please resolve to be careful. We have been fortunate, but I am inclined to believe we could stand two traffic lights on Rt. 460 through Appomattox.

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Bro. Robert Hubbard brought me a splendid booklet on the history of The Appomattox Baptist Association of Virginia. This outstanding Association was formed in May, 1804. I paused in reading as I noted that even in post Civil War days the Association met in August 1865, at Mathews Church, with J. C. Hamner as Moderator, E. W. Roach as Clerk, and Daniel Witt as Preacher. Back in 1911, R. C. Hubbard was the Association Preacher. Appomattox's Liberty Church is perhaps the largest church in the group. Established in 1834, it now has over 1,000 members. Our churches, of all denominations, are strong and that is a wonderful foundation for our America. Other long-established churches in our area include Rocks, Red Oak, Liberty Chapel among the Baptist faith. Elon in Pamplin was established in 1859, Hebron in 1849, Hollywood in 1878, Reedy Spring in 1839, New Hope in 1865, Memorial Methodist at Appomattox was established in 1897. Rev. P. M. Bell was the first minister. Appomattox Court House Presbyterian Church was established in 1867. Know your church and its history.

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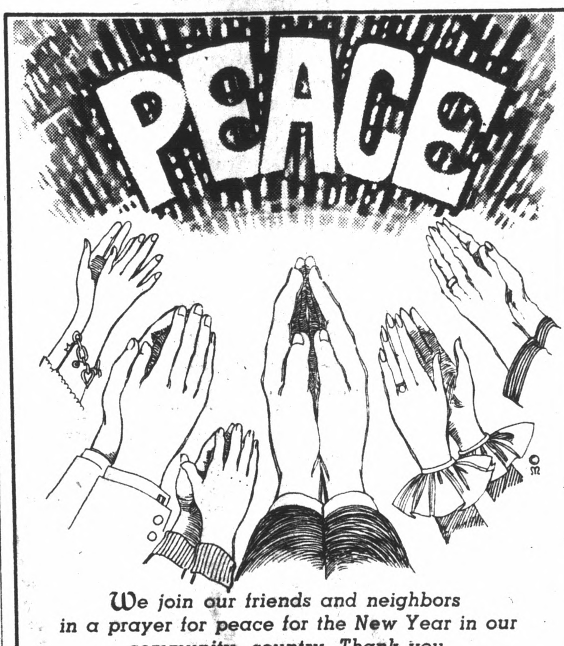
Thanks for reading and seeya next week.

Town Of Pamplin To Hold Public Hearings

The Town of Pamplin will once again submit an application to HUB (Department of Housing and Urban Development) requesting Federal funds for a Cental Water System.

In order to properly complete this application, two (2) public hearings must be held so that all town residents have an opportunity to present their comments and also become more aware of the proposed project.

May-Hines Associates from Farmville will be present to explain the project and answer any questions you might have. Dates set for the Public Hearings are Wed., Dec. 29, 1976 at 7 p.m. and Tues., Jan. 4, 1977 at 7 p.m. Both meetings will be held at the Pamplin Fire House.



We join our friends and neighbors in a prayer for peace for the New Year in our community, country. Thank you.
The Times-Virginian Staff and Correspondents

Appomattox County Included In Well Water Sampling Program

Geological Resources, Inc. has been contracted by the Energy Research and Development Administration to conduct a well water sampling program over parts of several Eastern states including twenty counties in central Virginia.

Appomattox County is one of the twenty counties in central Virginia to be included in the sampling program.

This project is part of the National Uranium Resource Evaluation (NURE) Program which is being conducted throughout the United States to determine the mineral character of ground water in all areas of the country with specific interest on the presence or absence of uranium.

In most areas, only one sample will be collected for every ten square miles and nearly all samples will come from private wells. Sampling personnel, bearing proper identification, will approach property owners requesting permission to fill a bottle with water and get information about the age, depth and use of the well. The purpose of the project is **NOT** to determine if water is healthy or unhealthy, but only to determine the mineral characteristics.

The sampling program in Virginia will begin after Christmas and will probably continue into February. Experience has taught that the job will be much easier if the public is aware of it in their area in advance.

People in Appomattox County will be interested in learning about this project since many of them will be contacted personally.

The NURE Program is being directed through Savannah River Laboratories, Aiken, South Carolina, 29801 and further inquires should be directed to Mr. Jay D. Bilyeu, Public Relations, Phone 803-824 6331 extension 2666.

Driver's License Gets New Look; Other Changes January 1

RICHMOND - Legislation effective January 1 will mean three changes for Virginians: a new look in driver's licenses, an additional one per cent sales tax on mobile homes, and special license plates with lower fees for certain farm vehicles, according to Vern Hill, Commissioner, Division of Motor Vehicles.

The new driver's license will include a Uniform Donor Document to be completed by people who want to donate their organs for transplants. It will be sandwiched between the license itself and the change of address card.

"This form is being made available as a public service," Hill said. "No one is required to participate in the program. In fact, no records are kept on potential donors."

If an individual wishes to donate his organs, he completes the card and keeps it with his driver's license. If he later changes his mind, he simply destroys the card.

People who do not want to make such a donation may leave the card blank or destroy it.

The additional tax on the sale of mobile homes means that buyers must now pay a three per cent sales and use tax on mobile homes which will not be used for travel, instead of the current two per cent. This revenue will be returned to the locality in which the mobile home is located.

Also effective January 1, the Division of Motor Vehicles will begin issuing special farm vehicle license plates for two-axle vehicles of 7500 lbs. gross weight or more. The fee for the special farm plates will be half the annual fee for regular private licenses but not less than $15. In addition to the weight and axle criteria for special farm vehicle plates, the vehicle must: be used only to transport farm and forest products, equipment and materals; be restricted to specific personal non-farm uses such as taking the owner and immediate family to church, school, the doctor, etc.; be registered to the owner, operator or renter of a farm from which $250 or

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Local Rescue Squad Answered 41 Calls During November

Volunteer members of the Appomattox County Rescue Squad responded to a total of 41 emergency calls during the month of November.

Of the forty-one calls, four persons were treated for injuries sustained in two automobile accidents and three persons were suspected to have had heart attacks and were monitored en route to the hosptial.

One hundred fifty-one man-hours were spent in answering the calls and the members traveled a total of 1729 miles.

A breakdown of the calls is as follows: strokes, 3; illness, 9; falls, 5; bee sting, 1; breathing difficulty, 1; wrecks, 2; tractor accident, 1; broken bones, 3; diabetic, 1; gun shot wound, 2; maternity, 1; transports by doctors request, 4; overdose, 2; heart attacks, 3; fights, 1; and 1 call was cancelled after squad had left building.

In addition to the emergency calls, volunteer members were on stand-by at the last home football game.

Banks Announce Holiday Hours

American Federal Savings & Loan Association, Farmers National Bank, and Fidelity American Bank will all be closed Friday, December 31, 1976 for the New Year holiday.

These three banks will observe Friday hours on Thursday, December 30th, opening from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. and reopening from 3 p.m. until 6 p.m.

Pamplin City Branch, First National Bank of Farmville, will be open December 31st from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.

All banks in the county will resume regular schedules effective January 3, 1977.

Clinic To Stop Smoking Set For January 2-6

A 5-day plan to stop smoking clinic will be conducted Jan. 2 through 6. The group therapy sessions will be held at the Appomattox Seventh-Day Adventist Church located on Court St. next to the **Times-Virginian**, each evening from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

The 5-Day Plan is a series of 5 consecutive 1½ hour sessions aiding the person to stop smoking by showing how to meet the problem from all 4 dimensions of life: physical, mental, social, and spiritual. The principle is one of discovering how to use natural methods for the development of

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COUNTY LIBRARY TO CLOSE FRIDAY

The Appomattox County will close Friday, December 31, 1976, for the New Year Holiday.

The library will open on regular schedule on Monday, January 3, 1977.

Five Generations Enjoy Christmas

Five generations, John Marshall Ferguson, far right, 96 years of age, of Route 2, Appomattox is shown in photo with his son, Howard M. Ferguson, left, also of Route 2; his granddaughter, Mrs. Nancy Ferguson Litchford of Route 3; and his great-granddaughter, Mrs. Dorothy Litchford Evans, who is holding her daughter and Mr. Ferguson's great-great-granddaughter, Sherry Dawn Evans.

The five generations celebrated Christmas together with a breakfast at the home of Howard M. Ferguson. This is the second year the Fergusons have been privileged to have the five generations together for the holidays.

Drug Education Committee Meets

The Drug Education Committee of the Appomattox County School Board met in the Appomattox County High School on Mon., Dec. 20. President, Roland Murphy, called the meeting to order and asked that the minutes of the previous meeting be read.

The purposes of this committee are to keep abreast of problems related to the abuse of drugs, to bring together the different community agencies to assist the school system in its educational program, to assist in the enforcement of School Board policies with regard to drugs and to help communicate to the community positive developments, as well as problems.

Areas discussed in the meeting on Monday included programs and activities planned for the schools during the 1976-77 session, assistance of other agencies and identification of additional needs.

Dr. A. A. Fratrick, School Board Chairman and member of the committee, stated that the Appomattox County School Board favored effective and appropriate instruction in all grades to help students practice good health habits, self-discipline and responsible citizenship. "Our first priority is to prevent problems," he said. "We need the full support and cooperation of parents," he continued, "to help our young people achieve their maximum potentials in areas of physical, emotional, social and intellectual growth."

Commonwealth Attorney Sam Kerr and Sheriff Gene Richardson reviewed for the committee enforcement efforts related to violators of the law. The Commonwealth Attorney and the Sheriff have given full cooperation to the school system in all areas of drug education and enforcement of State Statutes, as well as School Board policy.

Don Armentrout, ACHS Principal, reported that the high school was committed to a program of drug education. He stated that teachers are aware of policies related to drugs and that instruction is provided in varying degrees in all classes, with more detailed units provided in health and physical education. "We use the services as needed of the Commonwealth Attorney, Juvenile and Domestric Relations Court Service and the County Sheriff", he said.

Bruce Williams, Counselor with the Juvenile and Domestic

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Crumbs For Thought

By: ZEKE

Greatness is the quest of most men throughout life. But for most, it is never attained. Someone once said "If any man seeks for greatness, ask for truth and he will find both." Paul wrote young Timothy:

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth. II Timothy 2:15

Pendleton To Speak At Woman's Club

The Appomattox Woman's Club will meet Monday night, January 3, 1977 at 7:30 p.m. at the Farmers National Bank - Triangle Plaza Branch.

Donald Pendleton, who has served five terms as a member of the House of Representatives, will be guest speaker for this meeting. Representative Pendleton is Chairman of the Health & Welfare Commission, a member of Courts & Justice Commission, and a member of the State Crime Commission.

He will present a most informative and interesting program and every member of the club will want to be present.

Members of the Appomattox Junior Woman's Club have been invited to attend this meeting as guests of the Woman's Club.

Jaycees "Shopping Tour" Held Last Week

Santa Claus came to town a few days early for thirty-three Appomattox County children. The Jaycees sponsored the annual Christmas Shopping Tour last Monday night, December 20 at the Appomattox Primary School. Including Jaycees, wives and dates, more than 60 people attended.

The evening started with Christmas films for the children followed by dinner in the school cafeteria. After dinner the children spent two hours shopping for Christmas gifts for members of their family as well as themselves. We then returned to the school to wrap the gifts and await a visit from Santa Claus.

The Jaycees would like to thank the participating county schools for their help and cooperation as well as the following persons and merchants for their time and donations: Mrs. Thelma Knight, Mr. John Thomas Paulette, Vic Smither, Harrison "Buddy" Brooking, the **Times-Virginian**, Kings Market, Wilbun's Market, White's Auto, Coca-Cola Company of Lynchburg, Marshall's Dept. Store, Super Dollar, and Revco.

The Christmas Shopping Tour is funded each year from proceeds of the Annual County Music Show. Because of the poor interest in this year's show, funds for the Shopping Tour were somewhat less than previous years. Please help support these projects and make Christmas a little brigher for others.

The Jaycees would like to wish everyone a happy and properous New Year.

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